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Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1998-1999, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken action. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 1998-1999 is considered by the Committee.

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ANNEX

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1998-1999[a]

1998

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council[b]

United Nations Population Award

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Public administration and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on public administration and development (General Assembly resolution 50/225)[c]

Committee for Development Planning

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council containing the views of the Committee for Development Planning on the report of the Secretary-General on the vulnerability index (General Assembly resolution 51/183 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.41)

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on net flows and transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (General Assembly resolution 51/165)

Report of the Secretary-General on global financial flows and their impact on the developing countries (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.4)

(b) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/168 on transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on recommendations for effective follow-up to the relevant sections of the agreed conclusions of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1997 of the Economic and Social Council on the theme "Fostering an enabling environment for development: financial flows, including capital flows, investment and trade" (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24)

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24, including developments in the multilateral trading system

(c) Commodities

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 51/169)

(d) External debt crisis and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.8

Item 3. Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/170

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on best practices and lessons learned in the field of industrial development (General Assembly resolution 51/170)

(b) Business and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/191

Item 4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/130 and 51/172 on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

(a) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

No advance documentation requested (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.11)

(b) Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolutions 45/199, 47/152, 48/185, 49/92 and 51/173)

(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181, 49/106 and 51/175)

(d) Cultural development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.33

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18

Report of the Secretary-General containing an assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements with a view to its revitalization (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.38)

(g) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to review and appraise the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.43)

Item 5. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 34/173)[5]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.37 on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon

(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its sixth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation: Report of the Secretary-General on the plans, programmes and projects for the sustainable development of small island developing States that have been implemented in response to the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (General Assembly resolution 50/116 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.42)

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation: Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/184 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.21)

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of arrangements for administrative support to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (General Assembly resolution 50/115)

(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Documentation: Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.22

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

Documentation: Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/182 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.25)

(f) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly, on environment and development

Documentation: Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.29

Item 6. Operational activities for development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to review the achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children (General Assembly resolution 51/186)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the draft revised Guidelines for the Review of Policies and Procedures concerning Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.44)

Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolution 50/120 and draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.44 and L.46)

Item 7. Training and research

(a) United Nations University

Documentation Report of the Council of the United Nations University, including the information requested in General Assembly resolution 49/124

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 51/187)

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32)

Item 8. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/6 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.6/Rev.1)

Item 9. Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 51/178 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.34)

1999[d]

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council[e]

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 2001-2003

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

United Nations Population Award

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation Report of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a high-level consideration of the topic of financing for development (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.21/Rev.1)

(b) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.23/Rev.1 on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.39 on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries

(c) Science and technology for development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.3

Item 3. Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (General Assembly resolution 47/177 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.40)

(b) Business and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/180 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.13)

Item 4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution 32/162)[c]

Report of the Secretary-General on the format, scope, organizational and substantive aspects of the special session of the General Assembly (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18)

(b) Women in development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.17)[c]

World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 40/204 and 49/161)

(c) Human resources development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.31)

(d) International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.35)

Item 5. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation — Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[c]

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX))

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development at its seventh session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 44/236, annex)[c]

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on financing arrangements for the secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification (draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.22)

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/182)

(e) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the results of the meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/184)

Item 6. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation Report of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[c]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.36 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution 50/119)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.44

Notes

[a] The Second Committee, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, holds a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[b] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1998.

[c] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

[d] The programme of work and documentation list for 1999 will be updated in 1998, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

[e] The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1999.